

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Roy A. BLACK *et al.*

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CRYSTALLINE TNF- $\alpha$ -CONVERTING ENZYME AND USES THEREOF



**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application. Examination of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the section entitled "INFORMATION ON RELATED APPLICATIONS," and replace it with the substitute section enclosed herewith.

Please delete the section entitled "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION," and replace it with the substitute section enclosed herewith.

Please delete the section entitled "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES," and replace it with the substitute section enclosed herewith.

Please delete the section entitled "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION," and replace it with the substitute section enclosed herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-39 and 44 and add the following claim:

66. A method of identifying a compound that associates with tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$ -converting enzyme (TACE), comprising:

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